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As set forth in the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, the Examiner asserts that claims 1-7 (Group I) and claims 8-19 (Group II) are drawn to distinct subject matter. The Examiner therefore requires Applicants to select for examination the claims of Group I or the claims of Group II. In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes, the invention identified in Group II, claims 8-19.

The Examiner also asserts that a further restriction is required to elect a single disclosed species between: embodiment where turbine components are marked with a bar code (species a), and embodiment where turbine components are marked with a serial number (species b). The Examiner therefore requires Applicants to select for examination a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Applicants respectfully note the none of the claims of Group II

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recite or are limited by an embodiment where turbine components are marked with a bar code or a serial number, rather the claims of Group II are generic regarding the manner which turbine components are marked. Thus, species a reads on claims 8-19 and species b reads on claims 8-19.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes, the species identified as species a, claims 8-19.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, or if any undeveloped issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve such questions or issues. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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